

Important -- Developmental Education Policy Changes

“Air Force Guidance Memorandum to AFI 36-2301, Policy Changes to Active Duty Officer Developmental Education,” effective upon publication will dramatically change Air Force Active Duty Officer Distance Learning.

Squadron Officer School (SOS) Resident Program -- All active duty officers in the grade of O-3 with at least 4 but no more than 7 years TAFCS at class start will attend resident Basic Developmental Education (BDE) at SOS. Enrollment in the SOS Distance Learning (SOS-DL) Course is prohibited with few “exceptions.”

Air Command & Staff College Distance Learning, all active duty officer “Candidates” (those not designated as Intermediate Developmental Education (IDE) “Selects” by an O-4 promotion board) may enroll in ACSC-DL at any time. Selects are prohibited from enrolling in ACSC-DL unless designated to attend a non-JPME Phase I IDE Program (e.g. fellowship, AFIT, Naval Postgraduate School). These officers will be directed to enroll in ACSC-DL at that time.

Air War College Distance Learning also has major changes affecting DL enrollments. All active duty officer “Candidates” (those not designated as Senior Developmental Education (SDE) “Selects” by an O-5 promotion board) may enroll in AWC-DL at any time. Selects are prohibited from enrolling in AWC-DL unless designated to attend a non-JPME Phase II IDE Program (e.g. fellowship, AFIT, Naval Postgraduate School).

There are some exceptions covered in the new AFGM for each program. All students and potential students are strongly encouraged to review the source document as soon as possible after its release (currently proposed for early July 2014.) Air University will post the link to this publication as soon as it has been officially released.